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HER PRISONER

(Original.)

In the Manor house of a plantation in Kentucky two Confederate generals met to arrange a plan of campaign against the Federal troops occupying a strong position not far to the north. Shortly before the interview was closed one of them took the memorandum that had been accumulating, threw it in a stove and ignited it.

Now, Dolly Payne, an inmate of the house, was much interested in what had transpired between the two generals. Her father was fighting as a colonel in the Union army. Her mother and her sister were at home and, being ardent sympathizers with the southern cause, were employed in conveying information of Union movements to the Confederate authorities. Such was the singular division in the Payne family on the great question then at issue. Isabel Payne, the elder sister, was engaged to Major Downing of the Confederate army, while Dolly was as good as engaged to Captain Fellowes of the Union army, both men being with their respective forces in the neighborhood.

The generals had no sooner departed than Miss Dolly went into the room they had left and began a still hunt for something of importance they might have left behind to take to her lover, whom she was to meet that very night. Not a scrap of paper lay on the table, nor could she find one on the floor. Looking into the stove she found one half burned bit. Withdrawing it, she saw something written on it in pencil:

B's division to attack before daylight. Turn enemy's left. As soon as attention is drawn there J's brigade leads on their right; then V's, then L's. All engaged as dawn opens.

This was every word. She turned the paper over, examined the back and held it up to the light to see if there were not some faint lines she could not otherwise trace. There was nothing more except "23d" indented in the paper by what might have been the wrong end of a penholder.

It did not take Dolly Payne long to figure out from this that the generals had arranged for an attack on the Federals just before daylight, probably on the next morning, which was the 23d of the month. Three hours later, just as dusk was falling, she mounted her horse and rode away from the plantation. As she cantered out of the gate who should enter in but the Confederate officer to whom her sister was engaged.

"Harold," said Isabel as her lover was dismounting, "Dolly has gone off somewhere. I think to meet that contemptible Yankee she's infatuated with. I've ordered my horse and am going to follow her. I want you to go with me."

Major Downing consented, and the two set off at once. Both Downing and Fellowes were between the lines and not under flag of truce or anything to bar their condition as enemies. Dolly

Payne was going on a far different quest than her sister and had armed herself with a revolver, which she carried in her hand concealed by the folds of her riding skirt. Major Downing and her sister, not expecting that she would ride rapidly, followed slowly, especially as they didn't care to make known their presence inopportunistically.

Suddenly on a rise in the road they saw the silhouettes of those they sought. Turning into a wood, they proceeded unseen till they came near enough to hear Dolly's voice.

"I looked everywhere for something more, but found nothing. This was the only scrap not destroyed."

"A very important scrap," said Fellowes. "Who were the generals?"

"I don't know their names."

"And you're sure this paper was placed in the stove by them?"

"I'll stake my life on it."

Isabel took in the situation at once and whispered an explanation to her lover.

"He shall never get back with that paper," said Downing and, riding forward, shouted:

"Throw up your hands!"

Captain Fellowes found himself covered before he could draw his weapon. "You have the advantage of me," he said. "I suppose I must surrender."

The Confederates proceeded to disarm his prisoner and while doing so felt something cold against the back of his neck and heard Dolly say:

"Shall I fire or do you give in?"

Downing dared not stir. Fellowes, taking advantage of his enemy's handicap, drew his revolver, and the Confederates were covered by two weapons instead of one.

Meanwhile Isabel, who witnessed the scene, wrung her hands and wept that she could do nothing to aid her lover. "Drop your pistol," said Captain Fellowes to his enemy.

Downing's pistol fell with a thud. Isabel spurred her horse forward to pick it up, but she was forestalled by her sister. Then followed a hurried conference between Captain Fellowes and Dolly, at the end of which Dolly cried out to her sister, "Throw up your hands. Is your my prisoner." Isabel turned her horse's head to leave, but her sister rode up beside her and, seizing her bridle rein, detained her.

The upshot was that Major Downing and Isabel Payne were conducted within the Union lines and held there until the expected attack had taken place. Their detention was of short duration, for the Union forces were drawn up in line of battle long before day ready to receive the enemy. The Confederate generals, seeing that they had failed to surprise the Union troops, soon abandoned the attempt.

Often since the war at reunions of the Payne family the two brothers-in-law met, and Fellowes never ceases to twit Downing on his failure to recover the paper. As for Mrs. Fellowes, she usually refers to her sister as "my prisoner."

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ENEMY ON PANAMA SOIL

One Hundred Colombians Land on the Island of Pines.

MAYFLOWER GOES SCOUTING.

President's Yacht May Get a Bap-tism of Fire—Coghlan Transfers His Flag to the Prairie.

Colon, Dec. 22.—Information has been received here that about 100 Colombian troops have landed at the Island of Pines, northwest of Capt Tiburn, which is situated at the western entrance of the gulf of Darien. The Island of Pines is in Panama territory and is the only island along that coast which is wooded, peaked with mountains and also well watered, thus offering every facility for camping and being used as a base of operations.

It is significant in this connection that the United States auxiliary cruiser Mayflower has left this harbor, bound in the direction of the Island of Pines, to obtain information on the report.

The United States gunboat Bancroft is still on that coast in the vicinity of Nombre de Dios.

The United States cruiser Nashville has returned to Colon from Bocas del Toro.

Rear Admiral Coghlan has transferred his flag to the United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie.

NAVAL CONFERENCE.

Instructions For Glass and Coghlan Prepared in Secret.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation and executive of the general naval board, was in conference with Captain John E. Pillsbury, assistant chief of the bureau; Captain William Swift, chairman of the general board's committee on the fleet; Commander Winslow and Lieutenant Belknap of the bureau of navigation, in the secret office of the chief of the bureau of navigation.

Several cablegrams from Rear Admirals Glass and Coghlan were taken up for consideration, and instructions in reply were prepared and submitted to Secretary Moody for approval. Nothing official regarding the conference was announced except that it concerned the isthmian situation.

A long cablegram was received from Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the force off Colon, in which he requested that crackers instead of bread be dispatched to the isthmus, as the latter food molds quickly in the tropical climate.

Ready to Sail For Panama.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The torpedo boat destroyers Paul Jones and Preble are lying at the Mare Island navy yard ready for sea, awaiting the coming of officers from the east. The officers are now on their way, and it is expected that the warships will sail on Wednesday for Panama. A crew from the training ship Independence has been placed on the Paul Jones, and the Preble also has a full complement. Both vessels, however, lack a number of officers.

Trust Company Officers on Trial.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 22.—The trial of Albert C. Twining and David C. Cornell, former president and treasurer respectively of the Monmouth Trust company of Asbury Park, on an indictment charging them with falsification of reports and minutes of the trust company, has been begun here before Judge Halsey. Before the opening of the trial Judge Halsey overruled a motion previously made by the defense to quash the indictment on the ground that no offense under the state law is specifically charged. The work of securing the jury was then begun.

Business Quiet at Manila.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Captain F. Steere, deputy assessor at Manila, has arrived here on a visit. He went to the islands five years ago with the California heavy artillery. He reports business quiet in the islands, but says a hopeful feeling prevails, principally due to the knowledge that this government has guaranteed 3 per cent on the railroad bonds that will be issued. "Railroads," he says, "are the great need of the country."

Edge Gets Seven Years.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 22.—James M. Edge, the bank teller who embezzled about \$110,000 of the funds of the First National Bank of Paterson, N. J., has been sentenced by Judge Kirkpatrick, in the United States district court, to an imprisonment of seven years in the Essex county penitentiary. Edge had pleaded guilty. The embezzlement occurred over a year ago, and Edge was arrested at Memphis, Tenn., a few weeks ago.

Finland Leaving Badly.

Flushing, Holland, Dec. 22.—The passengers of the Red Star line steamer Finland, which left Antwerp Saturday for New York and went ashore near here, have been landed. The Finland is leaking, and her cargo is being discharged. The work is progressing slowly, owing to lack of lighters.

Taft Leaves Manila.

Manila, Dec. 22.—Governor W. H. Taft will leave this city on Wednesday next, the 23rd inst., for the United States. He will visit Tokyo en route to meet the mikado at the request of the latter. He will be tendered a reception by the citizens upon his arrival at Honolulu.

PAST TRAIN WRECKED.

Nine Persons Killed and Many Injured in California.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—The Meteor, the fast train on the St. Louis and San Francisco railway, was wrecked at Godfrey, fifteen miles south of Fort Scott, Kan. The train ran into a switch, and all except the sleeper was derailed and turned over. Nine persons were killed and over twenty injured. The dead and injured were taken to Fort Scott.

The wrecked train was one of the finest and fastest in the service. It was made up of two baggage and one mail car, a smoker, two chair cars and a sleeper. When the train reached Godfrey, it was running at full speed to make up time. The crew of a freight train that had preceded the Meteor left the switch open, and the passenger train jumped the track and rolled down a slight embankment. The sleeper turned over, and so fast was the train running that the engine and the forward baggage car landed nearly sixty feet off the roadbed before it stopped. The sleeper remained upright, and none of the passengers in this car was injured.

The baggage cars were completely wrecked, and the smoker was badly damaged. Five of those killed were in the forward end of the smoker, and four of them were killed instantly. A news agent, who was badly mangled, died on the relief train that carried the dead and injured to Fort Scott.

Engineer B. A. Dewees of Fort Scott, Conductor Roy of Topeka and Fireman Bishard of Fort Scott were instantly killed, and Express Messenger John Bell of Kansas City was seriously injured. Others of the crew and almost every passenger on the train except those in the sleeper, who escaped with a severe shakeup, were injured, some of them seriously.

It was some time before those of the crew who had escaped injury were able with the help of the passengers who were unhurt to aid the injured. A wrecking train carrying physicians did not leave Fort Scott for the scene until several hours after the wreck occurred.

Wreck on Queen and Crescent.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 22.—The southbound passenger train on the Queen and Crescent collided head on with a freight forty miles southwest of here. It is understood that nobody was killed, but that six passengers were injured.

Glassport Hoop Mills Reopen.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—The Glassport hoop mills resumed operations after a shutdown of several weeks. The tonnage men returned to work at reduced wages, the cut varying from 20 to 35 per cent. Not all of the tonnage men went back to work, however, as they were not satisfied with the reduction of wages. The management expected trouble, and for this reason a high board fence had been erected. Iron and Coal police were stationed at the works, but there was no demonstration. Work was also resumed at the Pennsylvania Car Wheel works, Allegheny, giving employment to 500 men.

Infanticide in Rochester.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 22.—A case of infanticide has been uncovered here by the finding of the body of a male infant in Broan's race, almost directly opposite the ruins of the Foster-Armstrong factory on Commercial street. A strip of cloth tightly tied around the neck of the child was evidence that it had been strangled to death before being thrown into the water. The child apparently was not more than two weeks old. It was incased in a soap box and was clothed. Laundry marks on the clothing had been carefully cut out.

Catholic Federation in America.

Rome, Dec. 22.—The idea of a Catholic federation in the United States has again been ventilated, especially after the Most Rev. Sebastian Messmer was appointed archbishop of Milwaukee, when attempts were made to see how the movement would be received at the Vatican and by the propaganda. Opinions here are much divided. The supporters of the movement think they have Cardinal Martinelli, former papal delegate in the United States, on their side.

Alfonso to Marry His Cousin.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—According to the Spanish newspapers, a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to the daughter of his aunt, the Infanta Maria de la Paz. The Infanta Maria de la Paz is the wife of Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, eldest son of the late Prince Adalbert of Bavaria. Their daughter, Maria del Pilar, was born March 13, 1891.

Senator Hanna Much Better.

New York, Dec. 22.—Senator Marcus A. Hanna of Ohio, who has been ill here at the Waldorf-Astoria since Saturday with an attack of grip, is greatly improved. While he is still in bed, it was said that he would be able to leave his room soon and that the attack was not looked upon as of a serious nature.

Chinese Invasion of Canada.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Chinese laborers are rushing into Canada by the hundreds, and on every steamer from the orient they are arriving here en route to British Columbia. The cause for the sudden influx into Canada lies in the fact that the Canadian government recently enacted a law by which every Chinaman landing on British soil after Jan. 1 will be compelled to pay a head tax of \$500. Under the present law the Chinese are only required to pay \$5.

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